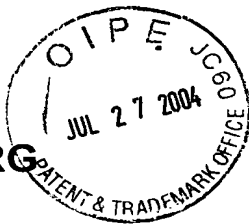


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This Preliminary Amendment includes the following sections:

- I. Amendment to the specification.
- II. Remarks.
- III. Conclusion.